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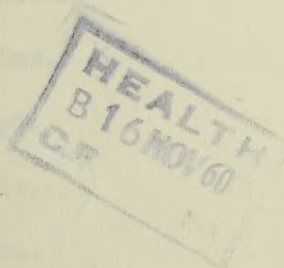


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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959.

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KNIGHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1959.

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To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Knighton Rural District Council.

September, 1960.

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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my sixteenth Annual Report upon the vital statistics, sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavour to include in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitation in the area under my control.

During the year several properties were brought up to modern standards through improvements carried out under various Statutes. A total of 23 plans were given byelaw consent for this purpose and improvement work proceeded satisfactorily.

Several difficulties were encountered in preparing the Council's Slum Clearance Programme but it is hoped that within the coming year much progress will be made and that several families will be rehoused.

It is encouraging to record that during the year the first part of the Bleddfa and Lugg Valley Water Supply Scheme was commenced and owing to favourable weather conditions the contract was well ahead of schedule by the end of the year.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Council's Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (Part-time) Dr. J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector (full-time) D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,  
M.R.I.P.H.H.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee for the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres) of the District	88,667
Population (estimated)	3,000
Rateable Value	£28,211

BIRTHS.

There were 39 live births registered during the year, of which 17 were male, and 22 female, giving a birth rate of 13.0 per 1,000 of the population of the area.

The Birth rate for 1958 was 14.6 per 1,000 population of the area.







## DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 36 giving a death rate of 12.0 for the whole district as compared with 33 deaths in 1958 giving a rate of 11.0 per 1,000.

## INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were 2 deaths of infants under 1 year of age as compared with none in 1958.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The Home Visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Health Visitor.

Within reasonable distance Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

## ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

## SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. A Mobile Dental Service is provided at each school in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No notification of infectious diseases were received during the year.

## SCHOOL CANTEENS.

All schools in the Rural District have canteens where mid-day meals are provided for the scholars.

## FOOD INSPECTION.

All food premises within the district are periodically inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

## WATER SUPPLIES.

In March, 1958 a Public Inquiry was held in connection with the Council's proposal to install a new water supply Scheme to serve the villages of Bleddfa, Llangunllo, Whitton, Norton and adjoining hamlets. Early this year the Minister's sanction was given to the scheme and a start was made. Progress of the work was good due to the extremely fine and dry summer and by the end of the year the contractors were well ahead of schedule.

The dry weather during the summer and autumn months however necessitated considerable supervision of all water supplies within the district and I am pleased to report that not once was there any real danger of failing supplies

## MILK SUPPLY.

There are no main dealer's premises situated within the Council's area, but three retailers from adjoining Authorities retail milk in this Rural District, all three being subject to supplementary licences for this purpose.







#### ICE CREAM.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area, and only five are registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. Periodical inspection of these premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspector, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

#### RODENT CONTROL - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator and treatment given where found necessary.

#### MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No new factories have been opened within the district during the year.

#### OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no outworkers in the Rural Area.

#### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

#### CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain  
Your obedient Servant.

J.G. GARMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.











ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE  
RURAL DISTRICT OF KNIGHTON IN THE COUNTY OF RADNOR.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect- ions (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.				
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.				
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
Total.	NIL			

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found  
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2).					
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)					
lhadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)					
Total	NIL				







PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK  
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of bases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecution (7)
Wearing (Making apparel (etc. (Cleaning and (Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File Making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						
Paper bags	NIL					

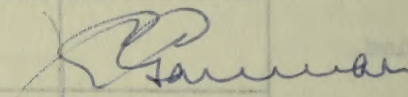


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The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather Sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Cosques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	NIL					

Signature



Medical Officer of Health.

Date 28.10.60.